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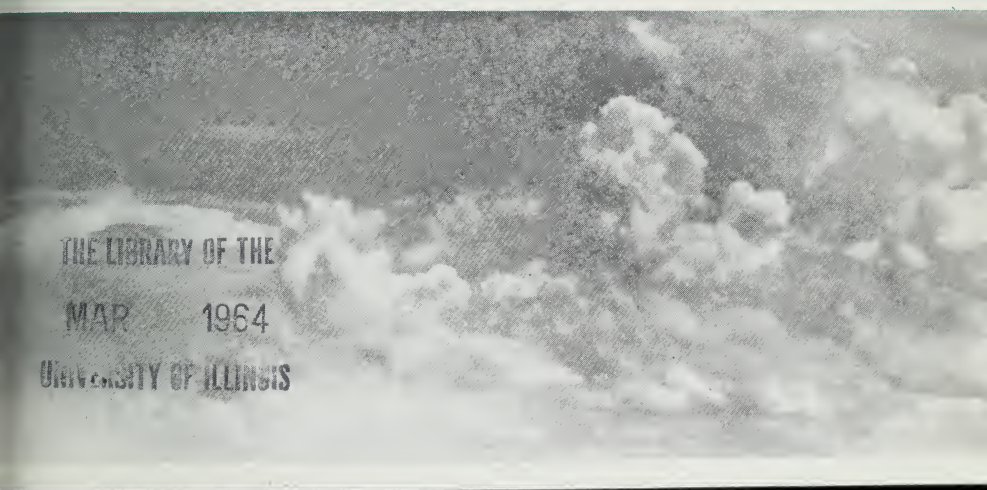
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# **Aerospace Education Workshops and Institutes**

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## Foreword

Educational leaders are becoming increasingly aware of the challenge of the aerospace age and are giving formal recognition to the need for introducing aerospace concepts into the classroom. How to orient the classroom teacher who has not had formal training in the new concepts is often a problem for the school administrator. It is as an aid toward a solution of the problem that this monograph is directed.

The author, Raymond J. Johnson, Ed.M., has had extensive experience in the field of aerospace education as the Executive Officer of the Illinois Wing of the Civil Air Patrol and as a guest lecturer in the aerospace field at several colleges and universities. He has also been associated with the Illinois Aerospace Institute type of program of which he writes. His observations, experience, and conclusions concerning the various types of programs are now made available through the text and charts of this bulletin. The Institute of Aviation is pleased to publish the information, especially as a guide for those who seek comprehensive and concise knowledge on possible procedures of orienting teachers in the ever-changing field of aerospace.

In this monograph, as in all similar publications of the Institute, the author has had complete freedom to express his opinions, with the understanding that he assumes full responsibility therefor.

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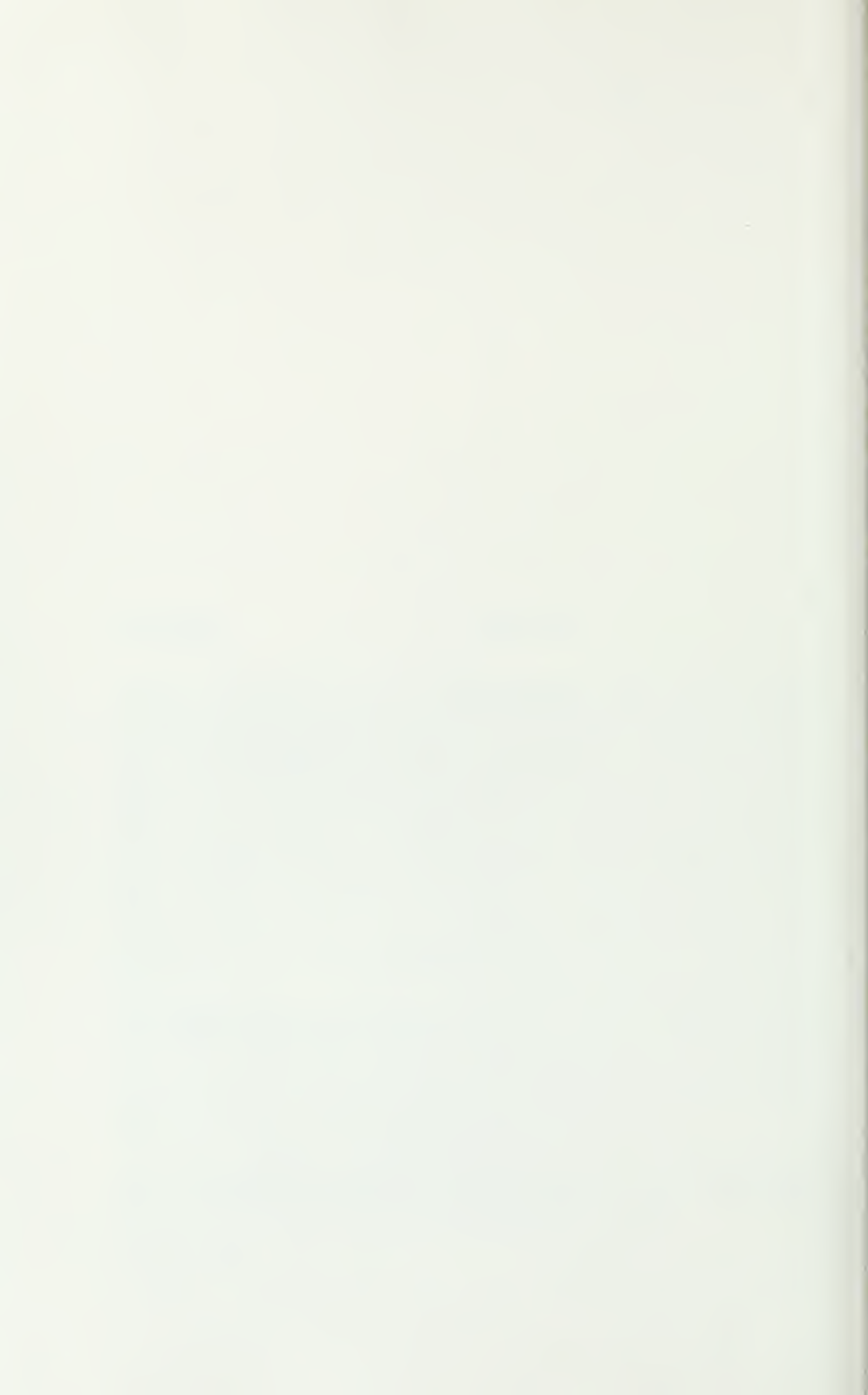
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## **Introduction**

The world today is experiencing a technological revolution which is having a dynamic impact economically, sociologically, and politically. This explosive expansion of scientific knowledge and technology is creating an influence as significant as that of the industrial revolution of the last century or any of the other great revolutions in history which have shaped the development of civilization.

Never before has mankind been able to make so many important changes in so many fields at such a rapid rate. It is this spectacular rate of change, rather than the character of the change itself, which threatens to produce a rapidly widening gap in communication between the scientists and engineers and the laymen of our society.

Concern has been expressed over this widening gulf of noncommunication as it becomes increasingly apparent that the overwhelming majority of our adult population have had little formal training in science and that, in effect, they are scientifically illiterate. Most laymen do not understand that modern science is more than new knowledge — it is a way of thinking and working.

The President's Science Advisory Committee in 1959 concluded in its report that all citizens of our modern society must acquire a reasonable understanding of science and technology. This is a requirement

for intelligent support of and participation in programs designed to exploit the great advances for the benefit of our free society. The report further pointed out that there is no way of turning back the clock or stopping scientific advance.

Aerospace activity, with its emphasis on the long-range program of space exploration, has been a major catalyst in the general advancement of science and technology. The term "aerospace" is commonly defined as the total expanse extending upward and outward from the surface of the earth. It has also been generally used to identify activities related to either atmospheric or space flight, thereby recognizing their inter-relationship. The present period in man's history has, in fact, been accepted as the aerospace age. A significant proportion of our gross national product is now channeled into aerospace activity.

Space exploration is challenging the full capability of this nation's intellectual and industrial capacity. New aerospace technologies have brought about new industrial concepts of doing business. Major aerospace programs now require a national coordinated effort of thousands of organized projects. Often, almost unbelievable creative achievements are demanded.

The challenge to the educational field in this aerospace age is almost overwhelming in its implications and opportunities. The emergence of the electronic computer has provided a vital new tool enabling man to make fuller use of his intellect, just as the first crude iron age tools extended the use of his hands. New concepts of the inter-relationship of all areas of knowledge are emerging, bringing about an increasing need for dynamic education. Children must be prepared for jobs in their adulthood that do not yet exist. In addition, they must be prepared for the responsibility of citizenship in the more complex world of tomorrow.

Aerospace education is rapidly becoming recognized as an emerging branch of general education. Dr. Mervin K. Strickler, Jr., now Chief of the Aviation Education Division of the Federal Aviation Agency, has defined aerospace education as that branch of general education concerned with communicating knowledge, skills, and attitudes about aerospace activities, and the total influence of air and space vehicles upon society. Aerospace education must also be distinguished from those branches of special education known as aeronautical and/or astronautical education, which are concerned with the training of specialized aerospace workers. Aerospace education may be formal or informal; that is, it may be organized in school and college curricula or it may be undertaken by agencies devoted to informal rather than to formal education. It is the purpose of this monograph to survey the various types of approaches used to orient teachers in aerospace

education, to describe the plan used in the Illinois Aerospace Institute, and to make available experience and recommendations for those who may desire information on aerospace education.

## **Present Approaches to the Orientation of Teachers in Aerospace Education**

An investigation of the approaches commonly used to provide aerospace education for teachers reveals that the terminology used in describing the various techniques is not yet sharply defined. Since the terminology is frequently used interchangeably, it is desirable to group aerospace education training activities arbitrarily into six general categories. These six broad divisions are identified as follows:

1. Articles, Materials, and Services
2. Short Programs
3. Seminars and Conferences
4. Institutes
5. Extension Courses
6. Workshops

The above categories have some overlapping and there is considerable latitude within each of them. However, through representative examples, it is possible to define, describe, and compare the categories.

### **ARTICLES, MATERIALS, AND SERVICES**

This category is the most difficult to define, since it is extremely broad in scope, form, and purpose. In general, it includes published articles and other materials which are easily available to the teacher. They may be read and/or used as self-contained explanatory items. Examples are:

1. *Motivational articles*—magazine stories and specially prepared leaflets or pamphlets. They are designed to stimulate interest and awareness and to motivate the teacher toward an understanding of aerospace education objectives.
2. *Definitive publications*—explanations and definitions of aerospace education *per se*.
3. *Curriculum guides*—guide lines for teaching aerospace education in a correlative manner.
4. *Course outlines*—a general sketch prepared for either a specific aerospace science course or for other general courses at the high school or college level.

5. *Units*—a section to include limited aerospace concepts to be developed along with activities and materials that are recommended for specific grades and/or topics. A bibliography is generally included as a feature of a unit.
6. *Source books and bibliographies*—information on aerospace subjects pertinent to use in the classroom. They also identify resources and/or publications available to the teacher.
7. *Classroom materials*—pamphlets, charts, pictures, and informative articles which are useful for both teacher orientation and classroom activities.
8. *Films*—a visual aid, available in a vast variety, ranging from colorful, nontechnical filmstrips to complex technical subject presentations.

The aerospace education centers which exist throughout the country are not precisely defined as to their nature or scope of activity. They are usually associated with an organization (private, governmental, educational, or military) which has a related interest in aerospace education. They will usually provide the teacher with one or more of the above items, either free or at a minimal cost. Often additional assistance is available and may include displays, personalized information, counseling services, and the maintenance of a materials library. Some centers have speakers available, and a few sponsor formal teacher-training programs.

#### SHORT PROGRAMS

Short programs are one- or two-hour presentations. They generally serve as a motivational introduction to aerospace education. At other times they inform on some specific phase of aerospace activity. Short programs may be comprised of either speakers or a demonstration lecture which includes slides or films. This type of orientation may be a single section of a larger meeting or the entire program for a specific meeting. The following are examples of single-presentation aerospace education programs.

<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Program</i>
An Area Science Teachers Conference	Survival in Space
A University's Annual Education Conference	Defining the Aerospace Age
A Faculty Meeting	Aerospace Concepts for Elementary Teachers
An Educational Fraternity Meeting	Aerospace Impact Upon Education



<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Program</i>
An Economic Education Conference for School Administrators	Economics of the Aerospace Age
A Social Studies Teachers Banquet	NASA Space Mobile Demonstration Lecture
A Superintendents Round-Table Meeting	Educational Implications of Aerospace

Suitable topics are almost unlimited for the short program, and there is a broad range of sponsoring organizations. If the program is lengthened or multiple topics are included, greater selectivity of the subject matter must be exercised.

### SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

Seminars and conferences are usually from two to six hours in duration and vary in nature and purpose. They should be of sufficient length to be quite informative on one subject area or to permit the coverage of several topics. Examples in this category are as follows:

<b>Typical Aerospace Seminar Program Schedule</b>	<b>6 hours</b>
INTRODUCTORY REMARKS	(10 min.)
ADDRESS:	
THE MEANING OF AEROSPACE EDUCATION	(30 min.)
<i>Coffee Break</i>	
PANEL DISCUSSION:	
PROGRAMS FOR AEROSPACE EDUCATION	(90 min.)
<i>panel:</i> National Aeronautics and Space Administration Representative Federal Aviation Agency Representative National Aerospace Education Council Representative Civilian Airline Representative Civil Air Patrol Representative USAF Representative	
<i>Luncheon</i>	(90 min.)
ADDRESS:	
TRAINING THE ASTRONAUTS	
PRESENTATIONS:	
What's New in the Aerospace Field	(30 min.)

New Look in Aeronautical and Lunar Charts (30 min.)

*Break*

The Manned Space Flight Program (30 min.)

The Supersonic Air Transport (20 min.)

BRIEFING :

MATERIALS AND TEACHING AIDS AVAILABLE  
TO TEACHERS (20 min.)

*Adjournment*

**Typical National Aerospace Education Conference Schedule**

*First Day*

9:00-10:00 a.m.	Registration
10:00-11:00	Conference Opening Remarks Address: THE SIGNIFICANCE OF AEROSPACE EDUCATION
11:00-12:00	A Review of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Programs
12:30- 2:00 p.m.	Luncheon Address: GENERAL AVIATION TODAY AND TOMORROW
2:30- 5:30	Visit to Local Aerospace Facility

*Second Day*

9:00-10:00 a.m.	Address: NEED FOR SCIENTIFIC LITERACY
10:00-12:00	<i>Section Meetings</i> Aerospace Workshops In-Service Teacher Training Aviation in the High School Elementary School Aerospace Education Curricula International and Economic Aspects of the Aerospace Age Current Developments in Space
12:30- 2:00 p.m.	Luncheon Address: GROWING INTEREST IN SPORT AVIATION
2:15- 5:00	<i>Section Meetings Continued</i>

6:00– 9:00                Reception and Banquet  
                                 Awards Program  
                                 Address:  
                                 AMERICA’S AIRPOWER

### *Third Day*

8:00–12:00 n.            Visit to Local Aerospace Facility  
                                 Meetings of Committees and Representatives of  
                                 Related Organizations

### *Adjournment*

Many organizations sponsor the seminar/conference type of program outlined on the previous pages, e.g., Air Force Association, Civil Air Patrol, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, National Aerospace Education Council, National Education Association, National Geographers Association, and colleges and universities. Such a program may be for general orientation or it may have a specific purpose such as workshop organization and planning.

Trips and visitations to aerospace facilities, which may also be classified in the above category, are both informative and motivational in nature.

## **INSTITUTES**

An institute is usually from six to fifteen hours in duration and requires from two to six separate sessions. It covers a more comprehensive range of subjects than either the conference or seminar. An institute also usually includes experience activities such as an orientation flight or a tour of an aerospace facility. College-level credit may be given for successful completion of the work offered in an insitute. Individual projects are required in some institutes and handout materials are generally made available to the participants.

### **Typical Aerospace Institute Schedule** (conducted on an Air Force base)

**12 ½ hours**

#### *Friday*

First Session (2 hrs.)

Institute Overview

Purpose and Objectives of Illinois Aerospace  
Education Committee

What Is Aerospace Education?

Curriculum Objectives

*Luncheon* (no formal presentation)

## Second Session (3½ hrs.)

Briefing on Military Air Transport Service  
Tour on MATS Command Post  
Tour of Base Operations Area and Flight Line  
Application and Evaluation Discussion

## *Dinner*

## Third Session (2 hrs.)

Air Weather Service Briefing

## *Saturday*

## Fourth Session (3 hrs.)

Resources for Aerospace Education  
Industry Briefing on Manufacturing of Aerospace Vehicles  
National Aeronautics and Space Administration's  
Man-in-Space Program

## *Luncheon*

Social Implications of Aerospace Age Transportation  
Summation and Critique

## **EXTENSION COURSES**

Extension courses are generally scheduled for one meeting each week over a period of eight to eighteen weeks. In most cases these courses are equivalent to college-level extension courses and credit is offered to those who successfully complete the work. A project or paper is normally required. The course is quite comprehensive and covers many aspects of aerospace activities and aerospace education techniques; related aerospace experience activities are almost always included. Educational television has been used successfully for this type of in-service training. A college or university generally sponsors this form of training for local school systems.

<b>Typical Aerospace Extension Course Schedule</b>		<b>29 hours</b>
(conducted in local school building under direction of a college or university)		
<i>first week</i>	Education in the Aerospace Age	(2 hrs.)
<i>second week</i>	Aircraft in Flight	(2 hrs.)
<i>third week</i>	Power for Flight	(2 hrs.)
<i>fourth week</i>	Airports, Airways, and Electronics	(2 hrs.)
<i>fifth week</i>	Navigation and the Significance of Weather	(2 hrs.)
<i>sixth week</i>	Physiological Training for Aircrews	(2 hrs.)
<i>seventh week</i>	Civil Air Patrol and USAF Missions	(2 hrs.)

<i>eighth week</i>	Interpreting the Impact of the Aerospace Age	(2 hrs.)
<i>ninth week</i>	The Federal Government and Civil Aviation	(2 hrs.)
<i>tenth week</i>	Career Needs in Aerospace	(2 hrs.)
<i>eleventh week</i>	Problems of Airpower	(2 hrs.)
<i>twelfth week</i>	Orientation Flight Experience and Tour of Local Airport	(3 hrs.)
<i>thirteenth week</i>	Tour of Nearby Air Force Base	(4 hrs.)
	Presentation of Certificates	

## WORKSHOPS

Workshops are regular credit courses sponsored by a college or university during the summer session. These programs are from two to six weeks in length and are comprehensive in content. They are designed to provide an adequate aerospace education background so that a teacher will be able to conduct successfully the classroom's aerospace activities. Lectures are supplemented by field trips, flight experiences, and a wide variety of printed materials. A personal project in aerospace education is generally required for successful completion of the course. If commuting is not possible, workshop participants live on the campus during the course.

### Typical Aerospace Workshop Schedule

**76 hours**

(conducted on a university campus)

#### *First Week (24 hours)*

##### Monday (5 hrs.)

- Registration
- Introduction to Workshop
- Social-Economic Impact of Aerospace
- History of Aviation

##### Tuesday (5 hrs.)

- Introduction to Aircraft
- Inspection of Aircraft at Local Airport

##### Wednesday (4 hrs.)

- Theory of Flight
- Construction of Models
- Model Flight Contest

##### Thursday (5 hrs.)

- Power for Flight
- Review and Discussion Period
- Introduction of Curriculum Projects

Friday (5 hrs.)

- Planning Classroom Field Trips
- Helicopters
- Aircraft Cockpit Orientation
- Local Orientation Flights

*Second Week (26 hours)*

Monday (5 hrs.)

- Critique of Flight Examination
- Airports and Airways Navigation

Tuesday (4 hrs.)

- Navigation Problems
- Curriculum Projects

Wednesday (6 hrs.)

- Field Trip to Airline Terminal
- Tour Army "NIKE" Site

Thursday (4 hrs.)

- Critique of Field Trip
- The Atmosphere
- Weather

Friday (2 hrs.)

- Rules of Flight
- Aviation Safety

Saturday (5 hrs.)

- Breakfast Flight (Light Aircraft)
- Briefing on Federal Aviation Agency
- Tour of FAA Air Route Traffic Control Center

*Third Week (26 hours)*

Monday (5 hrs.)

- Critique of Field Trip
- High Altitude Flight Phenomena
- The Solar System
- NASA Spacemobile Demonstration
- Rockets and Missiles

Tuesday (4 hrs.)

- Human Factors in Space Exploration
- Our National Space Programs



Aerospace and Education Trends  
Field Trip Briefing

Wednesday (7 hrs.)

Flight to Memphis Naval Air Station  
via R5D (DC-6) Type Aircraft  
Tour and Briefings

Thursday (6 hrs.)

Briefing and Tour of Technical Training  
School  
Return Flight

Friday (4 hrs.)

Discussion of Memphis Trip  
Examination  
Luncheon  
*Address:* You as an Aerospace-Minded Teacher  
Report on Projects  
Presentation of Certificates

**COMPARISON OF IN-SERVICE TRAINING APPROACHES**

Figure 1, which follows, establishes some basis for a comparison of the various approaches to teacher training in aerospace education. Eight areas of comparison were selected:

1. Objectives of training
2. Sponsor of training
3. Length and cost of training
4. Training emphasis and content
5. Related experience activities
6. Availability of course-related materials
7. Response required from teachers
8. Effort required to establish and conduct training

An analysis of Figure 1 shows that the workshop program will provide the most satisfactory form of training. It affords a substantial opportunity for the teacher to become acquainted with the broad aspects of aerospace activities and also the techniques for the implementation of aerospace education.

Both the workshop and the extension course, however, are seriously limited as a suitable training technique for teachers within the same community. They depend upon the sponsorship of a college or university and are relatively expensive in time and money. This is especially true if the course is not given locally. Furthermore, sufficient

Figure 1. COMPARISON OF THE VARIOUS TECHNIQUES USED FOR AEROSPACE EDUCATION TRAINING OF TEACHERS

	ARTICLES, MATERIALS, AND SERVICES	SHORT PROGRAMS	CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS	INSTITUTES	EXTENSION COURSES	WORKSHOPS
OBJECTIVES	To provide limited information and guidance. To stimulate interest and motivate further inquiry.	To provide limited information. To stimulate interest and motivate further inquiry.	To provide limited information on the several facets of aerospace and its educational implications. To stimulate interest and motivate further inquiry.	To provide a general introduction to aerospace concepts and the motivational emphasis needed to introduce these concepts into the classroom.	To provide a single integrated course which covers the entire scope of aerospace concepts and activities. To familiarize teachers with materials, resources, and techniques needed for the effective introduction of aerospace concepts into the classroom.	To provide a single integrated course which covers the entire scope of aerospace concepts and activities. To familiarize teachers with the materials, resources, and techniques needed for the effective introduction of aerospace concepts into the classroom.
SPONSOR	Aerospace Centers. Educational association. Various others.	Educational association. Local school system. Organizations interested in education such as FAA, CAP, AFA, NAEC, NASA.	Educational association. State aerospace education committee. Organizations interested in assisting education such as FAA, CAP, AFA, NAEC, NASA. College or university. Local school system.	Organizations interested in assisting education such as FAA, CAP, AFA, NAEC, NASA. Educational association. State aerospace education committee. College or university. Local school system.	Generally, a local school system in operation with a college or university, during the school year.	A college or university as a regular summer course with appropriate credit granted.
LENGTH AND COST	Not applicable.	One or two hours. Generally, no cost.	Two to six hours. Occasionally, a nominal registration fee—\$1.00 to \$2.00.	Six to fifteen hours. Occasionally, a nominal registration fee to cover those direct costs not otherwise underwritten—\$1.00 to \$3.00.	Six to eighteen weeks. A session each week—one to three hours. Generally, the standard registration and laboratory fees required for other extension courses.	Two to six weeks—three to six hours per day. Regular course fees, plus room and board if commuting is not possible.

PROGRAM CONTENT AND EMPHASIS	Varies from general-interest articles on aerospace to suitable classroom materials, and includes unit and course outlines for specific grade levels.	Usually an informational program presenting a limited phase of aerospace. The role of aerospace education is frequently explained.	Frequently includes several specialized presentations on aerospace activities, a panel discussion or speaker on educational implication of aerospace, and specific techniques for classroom activities.	A comprehensive overview of aerospace activities and concepts. Aerospace concepts are developed through a progression of classroom topics and related experience activities. Emphasis on content rather than techniques of implementing aerospace education.	A comprehensive overview of aerospace activities and concepts. Field trips to assist in re-enforcing concepts. Emphasis on classroom aerospace education techniques. A textbook may be used.	A comprehensive overview of aerospace activities and concepts. Sufficient time for each topic to permit same understanding of the technical aspects. Field trips to assist in re-enforcing concepts. Emphasis on classroom aerospace education techniques. Introduction of model building. A textbook is frequently used.
RELATED EXPERIENCE ACTIVITIES	None.	None.	Generally none.	Usually an airport visit and an orientation flight.	One or more field trips to an airport and/or aerospace related facilities. An orientation flight.	Two or more field trips to airport and other aerospace related facilities. Flight experience varied to include small-aircraft as well as a transport-aircraft flight to tour a distant military or other aerospace related facility.
AVAILABILITY OF COURSE RELATED MATERIALS	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Usually limited in scope.	A variety of selected materials relating to the presentations.	A broad range of materials relating to aerospace activities and education. Frequently, special materials of individual interest are made available.	A broad selection of materials relating to aerospace activities and education. Frequently, materials of local interest are available, as well as special information and materials from guest lecturers.
RESPONSE REQUIRED FROM PARTICIPANT	Not applicable.	None other than attendance.	Usually none other than attendance.	Attendance at sessions including the field trip. Occasionally, an individual class project is required.	Acceptable attendance at classroom and field trip sessions. (The flight experience is not mandatory.) Individual project and examination usually required.	Acceptable attendance and participation required. (Flight experience participation optional.) Class presentations, individual projects, and appropriate examinations as required to meet the established college standards.

Figure 1 (Continued)

ARTICLES, MATERIALS, AND SERVICES	SHORT PROGRAMS	CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS	INSTITUTES	EXTENSION COURSES	WORKSHOPS
<p>Not applicable.</p>	<p>Arrangements for speaker of required time and place.</p>	<p>One or more individuals to assume responsibility as project staff.</p> <p>Arrangements for facilities, including a luncheon.</p> <p>Speakers contacted and necessary arrangements made for their presentations.</p> <p>Programs printed and participants properly notified.</p>	<p>Several individuals for a project staff to coordinate program, field trip, and orientation flights.</p> <p>Handout materials selected and ordered.</p> <p>Programs printed and participants properly notified.</p> <p>Considerable advance planning and follow through required.</p>	<p>Some advance preparation required as far as any extension course, with the additional responsibility of arranging for and coordinating guest speakers, field trips, and orientation flights.</p>	<p>Some advance preparation required as far as any college workshop program, with the additional responsibility of arranging for and coordinating guest speakers, field trips, and flight experiences.</p>
<p>Reliance upon the initiative and insight of the individual teacher. Unless an overview of aerospace is understood, improper classroom emphasis may result.</p>	<p>Very limited information and understanding achieved.</p> <p>Often takes the form of a "show" resulting in superficial knowledge.</p>	<p>Presentations often limited in scope and frequently emphasize only a single phase of aerospace. (Note: This is often deliberately planned; e.g., NASA Briefing.)</p>	<p>The time allocation for each topic allows only basic concepts to be developed.</p> <p>Program requires considerable effort in planning and execution by several individuals.</p> <p>Attendance required at several sessions.</p>	<p>Sponsorship of college or university generally required.</p> <p>Considerable planning necessary.</p> <p>Course requires attendance over an extended period of time.</p>	<p>Workshop often held at distant college or university; time and expense may preclude a teacher's attendance.</p> <p>Class registration usually limited.</p>
<p>Available without participation in organized activity.</p> <p>Wide variety of form and purpose available free or at low cost (frequently, in classroom quantity).</p>	<p>Program easily arranged.</p> <p>Suitable for a large number of teachers.</p> <p>Effective in stimulating interest.</p>	<p>Usually sponsorship by an organization with aerospace education objectives.</p> <p>Several facets of aerospace and some related classroom concepts discussed.</p> <p>"Carry home" materials often available.</p> <p>Single attendance required.</p> <p>Special conferences for individuals active in aerospace education provide the opportunity for new information, stimulating, and coordination of activities.</p>	<p>Broad overview of aerospace provided and re-enforced by selected experience.</p> <p>Participation time limited.</p> <p>Introduction to local aerospace resources emphasized.</p> <p>Technique designed to be both motivational and informative.</p>	<p>Broad overview of aerospace systematically developed, with some understanding beyond basic concepts.</p> <p>Textbook may be used.</p> <p>Selected experience activities used to re-enforce lectures.</p> <p>Projects useful to the individual may be developed.</p> <p>College credit usually granted.</p>	<p>Broad overview of aerospace systematically developed, with some understanding beyond basic concepts.</p> <p>Lectures re-enforced through extensive related experience activities.</p> <p>Opportunity to become acquainted personally with many resource individuals.</p> <p>Projects useful to the individual are developed.</p> <p>College credit granted.</p>

flexibility in programming to acquaint all participants with their local aerospace resources is not usually possible. Only occasionally are the specific aerospace education needs of a community related to its own local aerospace activity.

The institute approach would appear to be the best compromise for community use. It allows sufficient time for a comprehensive program, has flexibility, and is not too demanding upon either the teacher's time or resources.

## **The Illinois Aerospace Institute Plan**

### **DESIGN**

The initial Illinois Aerospace Institute was designed in 1958 as a short and nontechnical introduction to the "world of aerospace." It provided the participants with an adequate knowledge of aerospace activities so that they were able to meet, with some depth, everyday questions in the classroom.

The Illinois technique was deliberately designed for use by the local community in its effort to capitalize on those aerospace education resources which were readily available in the community. This is contrary to the attitude frequently taken that such a program's success and value is dependent upon nationally recognized speakers or well-known aerospace facilities. Although such factors will admittedly contribute to an effective program, there is much to support the Illinois institute's "localized" approach.

One final consideration in the design of the Illinois institute was the development of a general format which would allow laymen knowledgeable in aerospace matters, but not professional educators, to contribute effectively to the in-service training of the community's teachers.

Although no claim is made that the Illinois institute technique is a better approach to in-service teacher training than other techniques, there is a degree of uniqueness and flexibility in its design which seems to lend itself to success in a number of varied in-service training situations.

### **EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES**

The specific educational objectives of the Illinois Aerospace Institute come within the framework of the generally accepted objectives of aerospace education. These objectives are:

1. To provide the teacher with a sufficient understanding of the basic concepts and impact of aerospace upon our lives so that

he will have confidence in introducing aerospace education into the classroom. This understanding should include

- a. A sufficient reading and speaking vocabulary of aerospace to understand and discuss current aerospace events,
  - b. A general knowledge of aerospacecraft and the simple scientific principles related to their use, as well as an understanding of the environment of aerospace flight,
  - c. An introduction to the broad social, economic, and political implications of aerospace activities.
2. To identify and familiarize the teacher with some aerospace education materials, personnel, and other resources.
  3. To introduce the teacher to the local aerospace-related facilities.
  4. To provide a flight experience.
  5. To motivate the teacher in capitalizing on the contemporary interest of children in aerospace in their classroom situations.

*The institute does not attempt to instruct the teacher in techniques of introducing aerospace education concepts into the classroom; rather, it is assumed that the participant, as a professional educator, will utilize the information, experience, and materials acquired to enrich his individual classroom curriculum.*

### **Recommended Procedures of Operation of an Institute**

The procedures for establishing an institute will vary with the individual community and school system. In some instances, a qualified individual is available within the school system to initiate planning. In other instances, an individual from an organization associated with aerospace education — such as a state aerospace education committee, a department of aeronautics, the Air Force Association, or the Civil Air Patrol (which has many professional educators serving as volunteers) — may be relied upon for guidance and assistance or even complete sponsorship of the institute.

The director of the institute, preferably, should be an educator from the school system. However, this is not essential to the success of the institute.

The initial planning should include decisions regarding the following items:

1. *For whom is the institute designed?* It may be intended for all the teachers within a school system or it may be limited to elementary teachers only or to high school teachers.
2. *Is any special emphasis desired for the institute?* Generally, the



basic over-all plan is followed. Occasionally, science or social studies emphasis will be requested.

3. *Will there be provisions for credit allowance for salary schedule purposes?* Frequently a personal project is required in addition to regular attendance if the institute is recognized with credit provisions.
4. *Will there be a fee?* A nominal fee is sometimes required to cover costs incurred such as for transportation, special materials, coffee, rolls, etc.
5. *What should be the size of the class?* This is not a major factor so long as it does not exceed the facilities available. The experience to date tends to indicate that approximately fifty participants is an optimum number.
6. *What should be the method of teacher notification and selection?* This will vary with the school system and may frequently include local newspaper publicity arrangements.
7. *What should be the dates of the institute?* The dates must be established to allow sufficient time for the arrangement of speakers, materials, and other necessary activities. A minimum of six weeks is desirable.

The institute design requires careful use of the time available. It must be well planned and conducted in a highly organized manner, including seemingly minor details.

The meeting facilities should reflect an aerospace atmosphere whenever possible. If the local airport or aerospace installation has suitable space available, this would be a very desirable meeting place. An ordinary classroom or auditorium can be given considerable atmosphere by displaying airline posters, photographs, charts, and other materials relating to the topics. Small display items are sometimes easily obtained from the local United States Air Force offices, aircraft manufacturing firms, aircraft dealers, and countless other sources. Often the speaker will make available display items pertaining to his particular area of interest if sufficient notification is given.

The specific topics as outlined in sequence in Figure 2 appear to provide the most desirable pattern. Frequently, however, it is necessary to rearrange the topics to fit an individual speaker's availability and/or to include additional topics. Occasionally the local situation may dictate an additional special interest topic, but this does not appear to be of major concern to the over-all success of the institute. Each participant should be provided with a printed schedule, including pertinent instructions, prior to the start of the institute.

Figure 2. ILLINOIS AEROSPACE INSTITUTE DESIGN

SESSION	TOPIC	DESCRIPTION	TIME ALLOCATED	RECOMMENDED METHOD OF PRESENTATION
1	INTRODUCTION	Explain objective of institute.	5 minutes	
A	IMPACT OF AEROSPACE	Develop basic concepts in the field of aerospace. Describe the social-economic impact of aviation, the rapid shrinkage of the world in terms of time, the nearness and interdependence of the earth's people, and the importance of aerospace as a major industry — especially in view of the vast research and development required for military and space applications — as well as the relationship of these items to our everyday lives.	40 minutes	Give a basic lecture supplemented with a film clip to illustrate the impact and personal meaning of high-speed jet travel.
B	HISTORY OF FLIGHT	Discuss the evolution of aviation from the balloon to the space vehicle. Trace the dynamic growth and maturing of aviation and the evolution of man's changing behavior due to the rapid travel made possible by aviation.	25 minutes	Shaw Disney's film "History of Aviation," which is available from film rental libraries.
C	VEHICLE FOR FLIGHT	Discuss the airplane as a vehicle. Identify its parts and functions of utility, mobility, power, lift, and stability control. Emphasize the common characteristics of different-looking aircraft.	20 minutes	Give a chalk-talk, listing functions and showing pictures of the parts which fulfill the functions. (An aircraft model may be adequate for chalk-talk). Use a simple stick model to point out the five functions of its parts; fly it to climax talk.
	BREAK	Encourage informal discussion and questions regarding preceding topics.	10 minutes	
D	FLIGHT PRINCIPLES	Reduce to everyday language the principles by which aircraft fly. Explain the forces of lift, gravity, thrust, and drag, as well as the equilibrium of these forces.	25 minutes	Give an illustrated presentation using a simple model airplane, blackboard, and simple demonstrations of basic scientific principles.
E	MAN IN FLIGHT	Present a nontechnical discussion of the effects of increasing altitudes and speeds on man and the techniques and equipment used to support life in flight.	30 minutes TOTAL 2 hrs. 30 mins.	Invite an Air Force, Navy, or Reserve pilot to present this section, using his personal protective flight gear.
2F	POWER FOR FLIGHT	Cover briefly the fundamental principles of the aerospacecraft powerplant. Explain conventional, jet, and rocket engines and the principles of the propeller.	30 minutes	Use models, drawings, and a film such as General Motor's "ABC'S of Jet Propulsion."

<b>G</b>	<b>THE WEATHER</b>	Explain the elementary principles of weather and show what weather means to aviation. Describe the Weather Bureau and its services.	30 minutes	Make a presentation supplemented with blackboard drawings which show how weather moves and what causes it. Use weather charts available from the U. S. Weather Bureau.
	<b>BREAK</b>	Encourage informal discussion and questions regarding the preceding topics.	10 minutes	
<b>H</b>	<b>ROCKETS, MISSILES, AND SPACE</b>	Describe the rocket launch vehicle and missile as machines and vehicles of space. Explain why man is going into space and some of the problems encountered. Discuss satellites and orbits, as well as the benefits of space travel research — both that taking place today and that being planned for tomorrow. Review current and planned space vehicles.	95 minutes <hr/> TOTAL 2 hrs. 45 mins.	Develop the topic by use of models available in hobby shops. Simple "ball and string" demonstrations may be used to illustrate the orbit principle. The Disney film, "Man in Space," is excellent as are the many others available from NASA and the USAF. If available, the NASA "Space Mobile" lecture-demonstration or slide-lecture is outstanding.
<b>3I</b>	<b>NAVIGATION</b>	Explain in everyday language how a pilot finds his way in the sky. Show how maps, compasses, and radio instruments are used. Discuss the wind's influence.	35 minutes	Give each student an aeronautical chart and then go through a typical flight plan to show how checkpoints and the compass are used. Post illustrative maps and charts on the board.
<b>J</b>	<b>AIRPORTS AND FACILITIES</b>	Discuss briefly the facilities for flight, emphasizing airports, airways, and electronic aids and include such items as radio, radar, fueling, and servicing. Explain the role of the local airport.	20 minutes	Give a lecture explaining the events in a typical flight in a manner which ties the many factors of this topic together.
<b>K</b>	<b>OPTIONAL TOPIC</b>	Present a topic of local interest or hold an informal discussion of preceding topics.	30 minutes	A talk may be given about the community's unique aerospace facility or activities; for example, a soaring club, a defense installation, a local manufacturer, or a research laboratory.
	<b>BREAK</b>	Encourage informal discussion and questions regarding preceding topics.	15 minutes	
<b>L</b>	<b>RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE TEACHER</b>	Report on available aerospace information such as printed materials, films, periodicals, and other aids. Discuss assistance which may be obtained from individual speakers and organizations such as the Civil Air Patrol, National Aerospace Education Council, airlines, aerospace industries, state aerospace education committees, etc.	40 minutes	Have handouts and sample copies on hand to stimulate the interest of the participants, as well as order blanks and membership applications.
<b>M</b>	<b>BRIEFING ON AIRPORT VISIT</b>	Explain the purpose of the airport tour and flight experience. Emphasize its relationship to the institute lectures.	10 minutes <hr/> TOTAL 2 hrs. 30 mins.	Diagram the airport facilities and distribute a check list of pertinent items to be looked for, both before and during the orientation flight.

Figure 2 (Continued)

SESSION	TOPIC	DESCRIPTION	TIME ALLOCATED	RECOMMENDED METHOD OF PRESENTATION
4N	AIRPORT VISIT	Make a group tour of a local airport, if possible visiting a static display of aircraft, the control tower, the weather station, an airliner, etc. A flight experience in a light aircraft will enhance the understanding of institute concepts.	Approximately 3 hours	Since the topics previously covered are tied together through the experiences of this field trip, it will make an excellent review.
O	YOU AS AN AEROSPACE-MINDED CITIZEN	Review the place of the participant as an informed teacher, citizen, and consumer in today's America. Emphasize the fact that the informed citizen is the keystone of aerospace power. Present certificates.	30 minutes TOTAL 3 hrs. 30 mins.	Give a "wrap up" talk which stresses the utility of what has been presented during the institute. Award CAP Certificates of Accomplishment to participants.
TOTAL SESSIONS — 4		TOTAL TOPICS — 15	TOTAL TIME — 11 hours 15 minutes	

While limited, the time for each topic will be adequate if the high points are emphasized and the technical details are eliminated. It is necessary that the speakers be properly briefed and oriented as to their part in the institute. This maintains the continuity and reduces repetition of subject matter. It has been observed that a speaker must be well prepared to cover his topic effectively within the time limitation. A deliberate interchange of speakers, films, and demonstrations will minimize the fatigue factor for the participants. Smooth and rapid transitions are necessary to conserve time.

Coffee breaks should be organized to give the participants an opportunity to ask questions and to meet the speakers informally.

The presentations will be re-enforced if the speakers and films are supplemented with pertinent handout materials suitable for classroom use. There is an abundant supply of free or low-cost materials available from numerous sources. A few carefully selected items to be reviewed between meetings are preferable to a large number of overlapping items. Care is required to see that these items are distributed in a manner which will not distract from the oral presentations. Examination copies of other inexpensive materials and aids will provide the teacher with further exposure to available materials.

Most institute directors do not require any type of examination at the close of the classroom activity. If credit is granted for institute participation, the submission of individual projects is often requested.

The airport visit and the flight experience might be considered as the laboratory session of the institute. Many benefits can be derived if this experience is well planned and conducted. Aerospace activities can be observed in operation, whether at a large military or civilian installation or a small community airport. Special field trips to local laboratories or manufacturing firms involved in aerospace activities have occasionally been planned to supplement the airport visit.

The small four-place airplane probably offers the most interesting flight experience, although any type of aircraft can be used effectively. In the small airplane the teacher has a more intimate experience with the cockpit, and he can observe better the effects of the controls upon the flight, watch the instruments, and question the pilot. An informal walk-around inspection of the airplane with the pilot prior to the flight is certainly desirable and informative. A thirty-minute flight is sufficient for orientation purposes. Usually, the Civil Air Patrol or local airport manager will arrange the flights either gratis or at a nominal cost.

The field trip experience tends to translate the classroom lectures into a more meaningful context and is generally considered the insti-

tute's high light. An appropriate certificate, such as the Civil Air Patrol Certificate of Accomplishment, denoting the teacher's successful completion of the program adds to the prestige of the institute. Many teachers proudly display such certificates on their classroom walls as an indication of their interest in and knowledge of this relatively new segment of the field of education.



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